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SAVINGS IN BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount deposited in the banks under personal savings industrial accounts and savings from iiiral areas;

(b) whether the Government policies have discouraged the saving habits among people;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government; and

(d) the steps UJken by the Government to inculcate saving habits among the people of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI PAW AN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): Population Group-wise Deposits by Scheduled Commercial Banks according to type of deposils is annexed.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): In order to inculcate savings habit and to attract the financially excluded population in the structured financial system, on the basis of the interim report of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. C Rangarajan on Financial Inclusion, the Government has decided to establish the following two funds with a corpus of Rs, 500 crore each:

A Financial Inclusion Fund with NABARD for meeting the cost of developmental and pro motional interventions.

A Financial Inclusion Technology Fund to meet the cost of technology adoption. Besides, RBI has issued instructions to all the banks to make available a basic banking `No Frills Account` either without or with very low minimum balance so that such accounts are accessible to vast sections of the population.Banks have been further advised to identify and adopt one district in each StateAJT for ensuring 100% Financial Inclusion.